

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

February 1, 2012

The Rural Municipality of DeSalaberry (RM) has applied to the Public Utilities Board (Board) for revised rates for the St. Malo Water and Sewer Utility as set out in By-law No. 2300-12 read the first time on January 31, 2012. Rates were last amended in 2010.

The current rates compared to those calculated by the accompanying rate study are noted below:

CALCULATED RATES	Current	2012	inc	2013	Inc	2014	Inc
Service charge	\$7.00	\$7.00	0%	\$7.16	2%	\$7.37	3%
Water (\$/cu meter)	\$1.21	\$2.00	65%	\$2.05	2%	\$2.09	2%
Sewer (\$/cu meter)	\$0.52	\$0.59	14%	\$0.60	2%	\$0.60	0%
Minimum quarterly charge	\$30.55	\$43.26	42%	\$44.26	2%	\$45.03	2%
Unmetered sewer customers*	\$30.50	\$48.30	58%	\$49.16	2%	\$49.37	1%

* Includes service charge

However, in order to minimize rate shock, Council has proposed a phasing in of rates as follows:

PROPOSED RATES	Current	2012	inc	2013	Inc	2014	Inc
Service charge	\$7.00	\$7.00	0%	\$7.16	2%	\$7.37	3%
Water	\$1.21	\$1.63	35%	\$2.05	26%	\$2.09	2%
Sewer	\$0.52	\$0.56	8%	\$0.60	7%	\$0.60	0%
Minimum quarterly charge	\$30.55	\$37.66	23%	\$44.26	18%	\$45.03	2%
Unmetered sewer customers*	\$30.50	\$43.25	42%	\$49.16	14%	\$49.37	1%

*Includes service charge

Details of the RM's application are available for review at the municipal office.

Any person wishing to make representations to the Board should write **the Public Utilities Board, 400 – 330 Portage Avenue, Winnipeg, Manitoba R3C 0C4**, or email the Board at publicutilities@gov.mb.ca on or before **March 30, 2012**, following which date the Board will decide whether any further notice and/or an oral hearing is necessary.

PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT IN CONSIDERING THIS APPLICATION, THE PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD MAY OR MAY NOT FIND IT NECESSARY TO DETERMINE RATES DIFFERENT FROM THOSE APPLIED FOR BY THE MUNICIPALITY.

Note: All proceedings will be conducted in accord with the Board's *Rules of Practice and Procedure* which the Board may vary in order to constrain regulatory costs. The Rules are available at www.pub.gov.mb.ca.

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